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I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) on 24 April 2014 and its substantive session from 2 to 27 June 2014 at United Nations Headquarters. It held a total of 22 meetings and numerous informal consultations.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the fifty-fourth session, adopted by the Committee at its 1st meeting, is contained in annex I to the present report.

Selection of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

3. At the same meeting, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat (E/AC.51/2014/L.2) submitted pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267, containing the information that there were no relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit available for consideration by the Committee at the present session.

Programme of work

4. At the same meeting, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation (E/AC.51/2014/L.1/Rev.1) listing the documents for consideration by the Committee.

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 2 June, the Committee approved its tentative and provisional programme of work for the session with the understanding that adjustments would be made by the Bureau, as necessary, during the course of the session.

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6. Following the 2nd meeting, the Secretary of the Committee gave an informal briefing on organizational matters of the session and the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division gave an informal briefing on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017.

B. Election of officers

7. At its 1st meeting, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Gheorghe Leuca (Republic of Moldova) as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the fifty-fourth session.

8. At its 2nd meeting, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Ramadhan Mwinyi (United Republic of Tanzania) as Chair of the Committee for the session. At the same meeting, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Hiroshi Onuma (Japan) as Rapporteur of the Committee for the session.

9. At its 19th meeting, on 12 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Robert Harrison (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Imelda Smolcic (Uruguay) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee for the fifty-fourth session.

10. The members of the Bureau for the fifty-fourth session of the Committee are listed below.

Chair:
Ramadhan Mwinyi (United Republic of Tanzania)

Vice-Chairs:
Gheorghe Leuca (Republic of Moldova)
Robert Harrison (United Kingdom)
Imelda Smolcic (Uruguay)

Rapporteur:
Hiroshi Onuma (Japan)

C. Attendance

11. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented on the Committee:

Argentina	Haiti
Belarus	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Benin	Italy
Botswana	Japan
Brazil	Kazakhstan
Bulgaria	Malaysia
Cameroon	Morocco
China	Pakistan
Cuba	Peru
El Salvador	Republic of Korea
Ethiopia	Republic of Moldova
France	Russian Federation
Guinea	United Kingdom
Guinea-Bissau	United Republic of Tanzania

United States of America
Uruguay
Zimbabwe

12. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Algeria
Austria
Burkina Faso
Egypt
Ireland
Israel
Kenya
Lebanon
Mexico
Sri Lanka
Switzerland

13. The following intergovernmental organization was represented as an observer: the European Union.

14. Also present at the session were: the Chef de Cabinet of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General; the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management; the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs; the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa; the Deputy High Representative for Disarmament Affairs; the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support; the Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations; the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, Legal Counsel; the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre; the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; the Assistant Secretary-General for Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; the Acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and Acting Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe; the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees; the Under-Secretary-General for Management; the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services; the Assistant Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services; the Under-Secretary-General and Acting Head of the Department of Safety and Security; the Executive Secretary of the International Civil Service Commission; the Executive Secretary of the Joint Inspection Unit; the Director of the Secretariat of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination; and other senior officials of the Secretariat.

15. The following programmes or parts of programmes of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 were discussed by videoconference: programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space; programme 6, Legal affairs; programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for

Africa's Development; programme 10, Trade and development; programme 11, Environment; programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice; programme 15, Economic and social development in Africa; programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific; programme 17, Economic development in Europe; programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean; programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia; programme 20, Human rights; programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees; programme 25, Management and support services; and programme 27, Jointly financed activities.

D. Documentation

16. The list of documents before the Committee at its fifty-fourth session is set out in annex II.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

17. At its ___ meeting, on 27 June, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its fifty-fourth session (E/AC.51/2014/L.4 and Add.1- ___).

Annex I

Agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Programme questions:
   (a) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013;
   (b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017;
   (c) Evaluation.
4. Coordination questions:
   (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;
   (b) New Partnership for Africa's Development.
5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.
6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session.
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-fourth session.

Annex II

List of documents before the Committee at its fifty-fourth session

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017

A/69/6 (Part one) and Corr.1	Part one: plan outline
	Part two: biennial programme plan
A/69/6 (Prog. 1)	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management
A/69/6 (Prog. 2)	Political affairs
A/69/6 (Prog. 3)	Disarmament
A/69/6 (Prog. 4)	Peacekeeping operations
A/69/6 (Prog. 5)	Peaceful uses of outer space
A/69/6 (Prog. 6)	Legal affairs
A/69/6 (Prog. 7)	Economic and social affairs
A/69/6 (Prog. 8)	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States
A/69/6 (Prog. 9)	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
A/69/6 (Prog. 10)	Trade and development
A/69/6 (Prog. 11)	Environment
A/69/6 (Prog. 12)	Human settlements
A/69/6 (Prog. 13)	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice
A/69/6 (Prog. 14)	Gender equality and empowerment of women
A/69/6 (Prog. 15)	Economic and social development in Africa
A/69/6 (Prog. 16)	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/69/6 (Prog. 17) and Corr.1	Economic development in Europe
A/69/6 (Prog. 18)	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean
A/69/6 (Prog. 19)	Economic and social development in Western Asia
A/69/6 (Prog. 20)	Human rights

A/69/6 (Prog. 21)	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees
A/69/6 (Prog. 22)	Palestine refugees
A/69/6 (Prog. 23)	Humanitarian assistance
A/69/6 (Prog. 24) and Corr.1	Public information
A/69/6 (Prog. 25)	Management and support services
A/69/6 (Prog. 26)	Internal oversight
A/69/6 (Prog. 27)	Jointly financed activities
A/69/6 (Prog. 28)	Safety and security
A/69/144	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013
E/2014/69	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2013
E/AC.51/2014/1	Annotated provisional agenda
E/AC.51/2014/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-first session on the programme evaluation of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs
E/AC.51/2014/3	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
E/AC.51/2014/L.1 and Rev.1	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation
E/AC.51/2014/L.2	Note by the Secretariat on report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit
E/AC.51/2014/L.3	Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fifth session of the Committee
E/AC.51/2014/L.4 and Add.1-__	Draft report of the Committee
E/AC.51/2014/CRP.1 and Add.1 and 2	Note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017: review of part two, biennial programme plan, by sectoral, functional and regional bodies
E/AC.51/2014/CRP.2	Note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017
E/AC.51/2014/INF/1	List of delegations

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Addendum

Programme questions: programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013

(*Item 3 (a)*)

Report of the Secretary-General on programme performance for the biennium 2012-2013

1. At its 3rd and 5th meetings, on 2 and 3 June 2014, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013 (A/69/144).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme performance report and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. Some delegations expressed their appreciation for the report and noted with satisfaction its added value and usefulness in informing the budgetary and planning process. Delegations indicated that the programme performance report constituted an important management and accountability tool. Other delegations noted that the report would be more useful if the narrative part could be reduced and more emphasis were placed on results and impact rather than outputs. One delegation opined that any format changes by the Secretariat to the report would require an express mandate given by the General Assembly in a resolution.

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4. The Secretariat was commended for achieving an output implementation rate of 91 per cent for mandated outputs, which is one percentage point higher than in the previous biennium. A view was expressed that the presentation of information in chapter 3 had improved, although more explanation was requested on the formulas used to calculate different implementation rates and the difference between quantifiable and non-quantifiable outputs.

5. Concern was expressed about the low implementation rates of safety and security, disarmament and public information programmes and the high rate of additional programmatic outputs of the human rights programme. A view was expressed that programmes should operate strictly on the basis of mandated outputs according to the approved programme budget.

6. It was noted that the rate of terminations of outputs owing to vacancies had decreased. The Secretariat was asked what measures had been taken to guarantee a low vacancy rate and minimize its impact on performance. In addition, a general question was raised on common reasons for terminations in 2012-2013 and on the effect of those terminations on the biennial programme performance. An inquiry was also made regarding the specific legislative document used by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to justify the termination of its outputs owing to legislative reasons.

7. While reviewing the accomplishments of the individual programmes, a view was expressed that along with the revisions to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, the work performed by the Department of Management in 2012-2013 on the proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation should also have been referenced in the report under the common support services programme.

8. Several delegations emphasized that in the assessment of expected accomplishments contained in the programme performance report, reference was made to the proposal of the Secretary-General on the paper-smart concept. Delegations reminded the Secretariat that the concept was being implemented on a trial basis and that no specific mandate had been given to the Secretariat by the General Assembly to fully implement the paper-smart initiative.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. **The Committee stressed the importance of the Secretariat using programme performance reports as a management tool in the strategic framework planning process, in line with the principles of results-based management, including by regularly reviewing programme performance.**

10. **The Committee noted the information provided in the report regarding the strains on some programme budgets and recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to continue to provide information on their impact on programme implementation in future reports.**

11. **The Committee noted that the report did not contain information requested by the General Assembly, upon its recommendation, on the impact of the reduction in the number of printed documents on the intergovernmental decision-making process in United Nations conferences and meetings. It therefore recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-**

General to pursue the full implementation of the decision in future programme performance reports.

12. **The Committee noted the information provided on the delivery of paper-smart services to several meetings, including high-level meetings. In that context, it recalled that the implementation of the paper-smart concept was on a pilot basis, as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 66/233.**

13. **In addition, with the purpose of improving the presentation of the report, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to include in future reports, under each section of the programme, the following information:**

(a) **A comparison with the previous biennium of the rate of implementation of mandated outputs;**

(b) **A comparison with the previous biennium of additional outputs implemented at the initiative of the Secretariat;**

(c) **Information on the main factors affecting the implementation of mandated outputs, when the rate of implementation for the biennium was below 90 per cent.**

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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017
(Item 3 (b))

Programme 15
Economic and social development in Africa

1. At its 12th meeting, on 9 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 15, Economic and social development in Africa, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog.15)).

2. The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed appreciation and support for the programme and commended the Commission for its focus on the sustainable development agenda and the integration of sustainable development in the programme of work. Member States expressed satisfaction with the restructuring and reorganization of the programme in the previous biennium and were pleased with the presentation of the overall orientation and the methodology used in implementing the subprogrammes.

4. Delegations noted that the reorganization had resulted in the reduction of the number of subprogrammes from 10 to 9 and enquired about the impact on the programme and results achieved.

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5. The view was expressed that the orientation of the subprogrammes needed to be aligned with the African Union's Agenda 2063, the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the post-2015 development goals. Questions were raised as to the ways in which they would be reflected in the subprogrammes.

6. It was pointed out that critical elements, such as environment and industrialization, were sectoral, and Member States enquired about the ways in which such sectoral issues would be addressed by ECA.

7. Member States also expressed appreciation for the Commission's work in statistics, as the continent had been struggling in that area for a long time.

8. Member States noted the third-party evaluations system of ECA and the programme's emphasis on accountability, and expressed the view that such measures were a good example of how other regional commissions could approach the issue. It was noted that there existed possible synergies and efficiencies among the regional commissions on accountability. Member States enquired about the progress made with the Commission's internal approach to accountability and how productive it had been with the programme. They also enquired whether the new accountability framework and evaluation policy was a new approach for the programme.

9. Member States discussed the Commission's work in the area of capacity development and enquired whether the Capacity Development Division, referred to in subprogramme 5, Capacity development, shared staff with other divisions and if so, whether that posed any challenges.

10. It was suggested that the regional coordination mechanism, which provided support for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union beyond 2016 framed within the context of the African Union partnership and development, should be included in the indicators of achievement of the subprogramme.

11. Member States noted the support for gender provided by the Economic Commission for Africa under subprogramme 6 and requested reassurance about the successful implementation of the subprogramme.

12. Views were expressed on the 2012-2013 performance report, which included comments on the challenges of the previous biennium. Member States referred to the need to establish a new strategy on capacity-building, as noted in the report, and enquired about the challenges faced by ECA and the remedies applied in the area of capacity-building in the biennium 2012-2013.

13. Concerns were expressed that subprogramme 1 on macroeconomic policy should focus on strengthening the public sector, as that approach was not contained in the expected accomplishments or indicators of achievement.

14. Member States also raised concerns about the methodology used with the expected accomplishments in subprogramme 3, Innovations, technologies and management of Africa's natural resources.

15. Moreover, Member States queried ECA about its views regarding natural disasters and climate change under subprogramme 9, Social development policy.

Conclusions and recommendations

16. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 15, Economic and social development in Africa, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 1
Macroeconomic policy

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b) (i), replace the word "with" with the word "implementing".

Strategy

Paragraph 15.12

In the third sentence, after the word "opportunities", add "gender equality and women's empowerment".

Subprogramme 2
Regional integration and trade

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b) (iii), replace the word "incentivizing" with the word "attracting".

Subprogramme 3
Innovations, technologies and management of Africa's natural resources

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii), add the words "national or" after the words "based on".

In indicator of achievement (c), add at the end "and/or their national policies".

Subprogramme 5
Capacity development

Indicators of achievement

Add new indicator of achievement (a) (iii): "Increased support for the development of the post-Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme plan for the United Nations partnership with the African Union".

Subprogramme 6
Gender and women in development

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b) (iii), delete the words "divisions and offices, individually and/or collaboratively".

Subprogramme 7
Subregional activities for development

Component 2
Subregional activities in West Africa

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a), add the words "and subregional" after the word "country".

Add indicator of achievement (b) (ii): "Increased number of policy recommendations and advisory services rendered to post-conflict countries".

Component 3
Subregional activities in Central Africa

In indicator of achievement (a), add the words "and subregional" after the word "country".

Add indicator of achievement (b) (ii): "Increased number of policy recommendations and advisory services rendered to post-conflict countries".

Component 4
Subregional activities in East Africa

In indicator of achievement (b) (ii), add the word "small" before the word "island".

Component 5
Subregional activities in Southern Africa

In indicator of achievement (a), add the words "and subregional" after the word "country".

Subprogramme 9
Social development policy

Strategy

Paragraph 15.62

Add the phrase "as well as people who have been affected by natural disasters, climate change and conflicts" after the word "migration".

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Addendum

Coordination questions: New Partnership for Africa's Development

(*Item 4 (b)*)

United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

1. At its 4th meeting, on 3 June 2014, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (E/AC.51/2014/3).

2. The Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa introduced the report and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed appreciation to the Special Adviser on Africa for the quality of his presentation and commended him on the comprehensiveness of the report. They voiced support for the work of the Office, in particular in strengthening the coherence and coordination of United Nations system support for NEPAD, and welcomed the progress achieved to date.

4. Delegations reaffirmed the priority of Africa in the global agenda and reiterated the importance of stepping up United Nations system support for all sectoral priorities of the Organization's work on Africa. They also reaffirmed their support for NEPAD and its initiatives, such as the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme and the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa, and for the Sustainable Energy for All initiative and the African Peer Review Mechanism. Support was also expressed for the monitoring mechanism to review commitments made towards Africa's development, as established in resolution 66/293.

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5. While expressing appreciation for the significant achievements with regard to economic, social and political issues, delegations highlighted the importance of fostering inclusive growth and sustainable development in Africa. They emphasized the importance of infrastructure development, agriculture development and food security, climate change adaptation and resilience, sanitation, industrialization and value addition, economic diversification, the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, job creation, effective management of urbanization processes, poverty eradication and good governance, peace and security for the transformation of Africa. It was recalled that 2014 was the Year of Agriculture and Food Security in Africa and a call was made to further fine-tune a global mechanism to deal with food security.

6. Delegations noted the dynamic nature of African development priorities, as encapsulated in the African Union Commission Strategic Plan 2014-2017, the NEPAD Strategic Plan 2014-2017 and the forthcoming African Union Agenda 2063, saying that there was a need to exert flexibility in aligning United Nations system support with current and emerging African development priorities.

7. Delegations emphasized the need to align the post-2015 development agenda with the priorities of Africa, as articulated in the recently adopted African common position on the post-2015 development agenda. They also emphasized the need to continue to strengthen coherence and coordination within the United Nations system in support of African development, in particular with the continuing consultations on the post-2015 development agenda. In that regard, some delegations stressed the need to closely coordinate that process with the sustainable development goals, as mandated in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and to ensure that sustainable development was central to the post-2015 development agenda.

8. Delegations stressed the importance of the nexus between peace, security and development and welcomed the global initiatives in support of the development of Africa, including the Tokyo International Conference on African Development process and its recently adopted Yokohama Action Plan 2013-2017, in addition to other bilateral strategic partnerships with Africa. Delegations noted that there was a need, in supporting the development of Africa, also to give due consideration to the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 and the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries.

9. Delegations underscored the need to strengthen regional and subregional integration mechanisms. A view was expressed that the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and its nine clusters should be strengthened with adequate financial and human resources in order to enhance the implementation of cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union Commission and improve the coordination of United Nations system support for NEPAD at the regional level.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. **The Committee welcomed the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for NEPAD (E/AC.51/2014/3) and recommended that the General Assembly endorse the conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraphs 112 to 119 of the report.**

11. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to continue to include, in his future reports, detailed information relating to the possible outcomes of the achievements of NEPAD targets.

12. The Committee also recommended that the General Assembly reiterate its request to the organizations of the United Nations system to continue to promote greater coherence in their work in support of NEPAD, on the basis of the agreed clusters of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa, and called upon the United Nations system to continue to mainstream the special needs of Africa in all its normative and operational activities, including the financing of programmes and projects, resource mobilization and humanitarian assistance.

13. The Committee further recommended that the General Assembly request the organizations of the United Nations system to continue to coordinate closely with the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, as the technical body of the African Union, and other structures of the African Union Commission and the Partnership in order to further strengthen the implementation of the African Union/NEPAD African Action Plan 2010-2015.

14. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly emphasize the need for the organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental bodies to continue to fully take into account the views, comments and/or input of the African Union and other regional and subregional mechanisms in their policy formulation and decision-making, mainly in the areas of mediation, conflict prevention and peace and security.

15. The Committee also recommended that the reports of the Secretary-General on NEPAD continue to include information not only on seminars, workshops and meetings but also on other tangible actions and results in respect of United Nations system support for projects of the Partnership throughout Africa, while stressing that future reports should further enhance the focus on the impact, in both quantitative and qualitative terms, of the activities implemented by entities of the United Nations system in support of the Partnership, with regard to the resources.

16. The Committee recognized the important role played by the development of hard infrastructure in Africa, in particular energy, railways and highways, and recommended that the General Assembly reiterate its request to the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to mobilize United Nations system support in that area, in particular for the initiatives of the regional economic communities.

17. The Committee emphasized the need for timely implementation of the mandate relating to the monitoring mechanism and recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that future reports provide detailed information on the status of the implementation of the mandate in that regard.

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Addendum

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Programme 28
Safety and security

1. At its 15th meeting, on 10 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 28, Safety and security, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 28)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. The importance of the programme in ensuring the safety of United Nations personnel was emphasized, as it facilitated the uninhibited functioning of the Organization, including the intergovernmental process.

4. Regarding subprogramme 1, Security and safety coordination, questions were raised on the modification of expected accomplishment (b), namely the systematic and coordinated delivery of protective services for senior United Nations officials. Clarification was sought regarding the provision of protective services for senior government officials. In this connection, it was noted that indicator of achievement (b) had been changed from increasing the number of personal protection operations to increasing the instances of travel reviewed. The view was expressed that the previous indicator was more suitable for measuring progress towards the expected

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accomplishment. Clarification was sought regarding the provision of training and the availability of specialized training for high-risk duty stations as well as the availability of training for family members.

5. A question was raised as to how the Department of Safety and Security ensured the coordinated delivery of personal protection operations in the United Nations. Clarification was sought regarding the evaluation of the indicators of achievement related to updated security risk assessments and the implementation of minimum operating security standards and minimum operating residential security standards, in particular as regards the process of endorsement by the Division of Regional Operations.

6. With regard to the strategy for implementing component 1, Regional field operation coordination, of subprogramme 2, Regional field coordination and support, questions were raised about the role of host countries in the coordination of security activities and their participation in strengthening security at United Nations duty stations.

7. With regard to component 2, Field support, of subprogramme 2, delegations noted the change in the focus of expected accomplishment (d) and clarification was sought regarding the Department's role in the area of aviation risk management in view of the work of the Department of Field Support in the same area.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 28, Safety and security, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017.**

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Programme 9
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

1. At its 10th meeting, on 6 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 9)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed full support for the programme and recognized the important role the programme played in coordinating the efforts of the United Nations system in support of Africa's development in general and the New Partnership for Africa's Development in particular. Several delegations called for a further strengthening of the programme.

4. Delegations recognized the importance of enhancing coherence, coordination and cooperation within the United Nations in support of Africa for the implementation of the Ten-Year Capacity-building Programme for the African Union and its successor programme, the Millennium Development Goals, the

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outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals.

5. It was emphasized that the post-2015 development agenda should reflect Africa's development needs as articulated in the Common African Position on the post-2015 development agenda and international support for Africa should be adapted to Africa's priorities. It was acknowledged that agriculture, capacity-building, diversification of economies, employment for youth, food security, industrialization, infrastructure development and health were major African priorities and central to Africa's transformative development agenda.

6. Delegations underscored the importance of enhancing strategic partnerships among African countries, including through coordination with regional bodies. The view was expressed that in addition to emphasis on strengthening South-South cooperation, there was a continued need for North-South and triangular cooperation in support of Africa's development, peace and security. It was suggested that future reports should highlight such strategic partnerships.

7. It was pointed out that flexibility would be needed in the implementation of the strategic framework of the programme in the light of Africa's changing priorities as encapsulated in the strategic plans of the African Union Commission and NEPAD for the period 2014-2017 and the strategic directions to be articulated in the African Union's Agenda 2063.

8. The view was expressed that advocacy was important for creating better awareness of peacebuilding in Africa. In this regard, peace should be adopted as a priority for Africa's development, and new emphasis should be given to enhancing synergy between social and economic development and its linkage to peace and security.

9. Clarification was sought on the wider spectrum of media resources and information technology tools being employed by the programme, in addition to the publication of *Africa Renewal*, that were contributing to its global advocacy and international awareness-raising of Africa's development and peace and security issues. Further clarification was sought as to how the Secretariat planned to make use of recent developments in information and communications technology.

10. Support for the Tokyo international conferences on African development, including the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, was expressed. Clarification was sought on the progress and challenges in implementing the process relating to the international conferences.

11. Support for the United Nations monitoring mechanism was expressed. Clarification was sought on financing for the monitoring mechanism, and it was proposed that the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session on the review of the implementation of commitments made towards Africa's development should include a matrix of new commitments beyond the commitments and actions already undertaken.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 9, United Nations support for the New**

Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:

Overall orientation

Paragraph 9.8

Replace the last sentence with the following: "Revisions to the biennial programme plan resulting from this process should be presented to Member States to ensure that the United Nations remains supportive of the work of NEPAD".

Subprogramme 1
Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective with the following: "To strengthen international cooperation in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and those for the period beyond 2015, in Africa".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), after the existing text, insert the phrase ", including through regional mechanisms".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (a) (ii) with the following: "Increased number of international forums, activities and outputs addressing South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation in support of Africa".

Replace indicator (d) with the following: "Increased number of visits and page views on the website of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and other related websites".

Subprogramme 2
Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (a), insert the phrase ", programmes and activities" after the phrase "joint projects".

Add a new indicator (b) (ii), as follows:

"(b) (ii) Increased number of joint capacity development projects, programmes and activities implemented by regional economic communities in support of regional economic integration programmes".

Subprogramme 3
Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), replace the word "recovery" with the word "growth".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (a) (i) with the following: "Increased number of visits and page views on the *Africa Renewal* website and other related websites".

In indicator (a) (ii), replace the phrase "online news features" with the phrase "news items and publications (print, audio and video)", and replace the phrase "local media" with the phrase "the media".

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Programme questions: evaluation
(*Item 3 (c)*)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-first session on the programme evaluation of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs: E/AC.51/2014/2

1. At its second meeting, on 2 June 2014, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-first session on the programme evaluation of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/AC.51/2014/2).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report and representatives of OIOS and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed their appreciation for the report, noting that it contained useful and high-quality information, and acknowledged that all four recommendations had been implemented. A few delegations noted that while recommendations 1 and 2 had certain depth, that was not the case for recommendations 3 and 4. It was observed

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that no comment had been made regarding the impact of implementing the recommendations other than a reduction in publications.

4. With regard to recommendation 2, support was expressed for the efforts of the Department to successfully develop an implementation matrix to organize system-wide efforts to implement conference outcomes; the view was expressed that that initiative could be used as a best practice.

5. Concern was expressed that the Department should not establish programme priorities related to the post-2015 development agenda and follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development until Member States had taken decisions at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly. The point was also made that no priorities had been given to subprogrammes by Member States. A further question was raised regarding how the Secretary-General's bulletin on the Publications Board reflected General Assembly decisions on publications.

6. The view was also expressed by several delegations that the Department's overall reduction in its report titles and printed copies should not adversely affect Member States' access to information or access to reports in those countries with poor Internet access. Further, views were expressed that the paper-smart initiative had been approved only as a pilot and should not be seen as a means to increase the use of technology; however, there should be assurance that the target audience was being reached. The view was also expressed that the paper-smart concept was a good one since it helped to reduce, inter alia, the carbon footprint. One delegation questioned whether the Department's publications were reaching the youth audience in particular.

7. Some points were also raised regarding the recommendations made to the Department, including whether they were sufficiently substantive and to what extent the impact of their implementation could be measured. Further, attention was drawn to paragraph 7 of the report, on the fostering of collaboration and partnerships within the United Nations system and other partners and its link to document A/67/6 (Prog. 7), para. 7.4.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to include in its future recommendations, where possible, indicators that make the impact/result of implementing such recommendations measurable.**

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Addendum

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(*Item 3 (b)*)

Programme 19
Economic and social development in Western Asia

1. At its 16th meeting, on 11 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 19)). The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework (E/AC.51/2014/CRP.1).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. It was noted that changes had been made to the proposed strategic framework as compared with that for the biennium 2014-2015.

4. The view was expressed that the programme plan included issues of a political nature that were not suited to a regional economic commission, such as the reference in paragraph 19.6 to the political landscape of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region having experienced dramatic transformations with the increasing demands by citizens for freedom and social justice, and the reference in paragraph 19.18 to the need for strong institutions to quell ongoing political tensions and conflicts in some countries, and to support democratic

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transitions in others. It was emphasized that such wording should be avoided when it was not part of the mandate. The view was expressed that the programme should have focused more on development and economic issues and that the wording in the biennial programme plan for 2014-2015 was correct and factual.

5. A delegation pointed out that there was no reference to the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic and neighbouring countries, asking whether the conflict, in particular the refugees fleeing from the Syrian Arab Republic, was covered by any subprogramme. It was also asked whether the Commission had a mandate with regard to the conflict. Clarification was sought as to whether the Commission took into account economic sanctions and their impact on the social and economic development of States.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modification:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 19.6

Replace the first sentence with the following: "Since late 2010, the political landscape of the ESCWA region has experienced dramatic transformations".

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Addendum

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Programme 18
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

1. At its 17th meeting, on 11 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 18)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed support for the programme, the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and the important role it played in the region, including the Commission's provision of advice and expertise in various thematic areas. They also expressed satisfaction with the proposed strategic direction of the Commission, in particular its flexibility in connection with the post-2015 development agenda and the resulting internationally agreed sustainable development goals that allowed for the incorporation of future decisions, without pre-empting decisions of the General Assembly on the issue. It was also observed that the proposal incorporated elements of the outcome document

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of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex).

4. Appreciation was expressed for the consultative process carried out with member States of the Commission for the review of the proposed biennial programme plan, leading up to the endorsement of the plan by the Commission during its thirty-fifth session, held from 5 to 9 May 2014 in Lima. Delegations also expressed appreciation for such important consultative process having been conducted in strict observance of regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

5. Appreciation was also expressed for the work of the Commission in fostering economic integration at the subregional and regional levels, promoting the dialogue on the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and the resulting internationally agreed sustainable development goals, facilitating sustainable development by helping to bridge the economic, social and environmental gaps between and among countries, including through the Commission's proposed compacts for equality and sustainable development.

6. Delegations requested that the Commission continue to develop close cooperation with regional mechanisms and integration processes such as the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Union of South American Nations, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Latin American Integration Association, the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR), the Central American Integration System and the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America — Peoples' Trade Treaty.

7. Delegations also encouraged the Commission to continue to prioritize activities and to coordinate with other agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, in order to avoid duplication of effort.

8. Concern was expressed in relation to a reduction in the level of information provided to the Committee in the document containing the proposed strategic framework for programme 18 for the period 2016-2017. Regret was expressed that the Secretariat had decided, without a specific mandate from the Committee or the General Assembly, to reduce the information contained in the programmes before it.

9. Clarification was sought concerning the dissemination of information, including analytical work and other activities through the Commission's website and databases. It was pointed out that this aspect had previously been included in the programme and the query concerned whether ECLAC continued to carry out this important activity.

10. A question was raised concerning the impact of recent budgetary reductions on the programme of work of the Commission.

11. With regard to subprogramme 3, Macroeconomic policies and growth, it was observed that the Commission would conduct applied research into the macroeconomic and long-term growth performance and policies of Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as the region as a whole. In this connection, a question was raised concerning successful policies that had been applied in the region, including those that worked best for the Latin American and Caribbean region.

12. With regard to subprogramme 7, Population and development, it was observed that no mention of the agreements reached in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development had been included as part of expected accomplishments (a) and (b). Arguing that those agreements reflected the vision of member States of the Commission for the region for the coming years, the view was expressed that they should be duly noted in the framework. The view was expressed that in the proposed changes for subprogramme 7, indicator of achievement (b) could not be attributed only to activities carried out by ECLAC, as many other United Nations bodies worked in the same area. Delegations further inquired about the role of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in the area of population activities.

13. With regard to subprogramme 14, Support for regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organizations, which was established at the beginning of the biennium 2014-2015, it was observed that the framework and strategic direction of the subprogramme were well structured and appropriately reflected issues related to the post-2015 development agenda and the resulting internationally agreed sustainable development goals. It was further observed that the legislative mandates emanating from the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, held in May in Lima, were not listed under this subprogramme.

14. With regard to legislative mandates, delegations observed that the list of resolutions and decisions was not comprehensive and that revisions would be required.

Conclusions and recommendations

15. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 7
Population and development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), add the words ", and the regional agenda on population and development for Latin America and the Caribbean, as agreed in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development," after the word "Development."

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (b), add the words ", including the regional agenda on population and development for Latin America and the Caribbean, as agreed in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development," after the word "development."

Legislative mandates

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution: 690 (XXXV) Lima resolution

Subprogramme 2
Production and innovation

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

691 (XXXV) Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 6
Mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

677 (XXXV) Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 7
Population and development

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

681 (XXXV) Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 10
Planning of public administration

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

679 (XXXV) Support for the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning

Subprogramme 11
Statistics

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

678 (XXXV) Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 13
Subregional activities in the Caribbean

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

680 (XXXV) Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

For the following subprogrammes:

Subprogramme 3
Macroeconomic policies and growth

Subprogramme 4
Financing for development

Subprogramme 8
Sustainable development and human settlements

Subprogramme 9
Natural resources and infrastructure

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

Add the following resolution:

685 (XXXV) Activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals and implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

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Programme 5
Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 18th meeting, on 12 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog.5)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Appreciation was expressed for the concise and streamlined presentation of the document and the efforts undertaken by the Office for Outer Space Affairs to harmonize the schedules of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in order to ensure that the outcome of the review of the strategic framework by the latter Committee was made available to the Committee for Programme and Coordination during its review of the programme.

4. Delegations expressed their support for the programme, in particular the critical role it played in helping developing countries to use space science and technology for economic, social and scientific development, and highlighted the need to strengthen the programme. Clarification was sought regarding the financial and human resources challenges faced by the programme as illustrated in the report

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of the Secretary-General on the programme performance report of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013 (A/69/144), and their impact on the planned strategy for 2016-2017. In that context, the need to provide the Office for Outer Space Affairs with more human and financial resources for the effective fulfilment of its mandate was highlighted. Queries were also raised on the decreasing level of voluntary contributions in cash and in kind and its impact on the programme of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER).

5. Clarification was sought on the challenges faced in concluding legal agreements with host countries and whether any legal agreements had been reached with developing countries or multiple entities during the seventh session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

6. Clarification was sought on the type of international entities referred to under "Objective of the Organization". In respect of indicator of achievement (b) (i), clarification was sought on the number of countries receiving training, including the type of training to be provided.

7. Queries were raised on the level of support provided by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to its new members.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), insert ", including developing countries and countries with economies in transition," after "countries".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement b (i), insert ", in particular developing countries," after "countries".

In indicator of achievement b (ii), insert ", in particular developing countries," after "countries".

In indicator of achievement d (i), insert ", in particular developing countries," after "countries".

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Addendum

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Programme 7
Economic and social affairs

1. At its 15th meeting, on 10 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 7)). The Committee also had before it a summary of the action taken and planned following the review of the proposed biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017, as reflected in a conference room paper (E/AC.51/2014/CRP.1).

2. The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed appreciation and continued support for the programme and the work of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

4. Regarding paragraph 7.1, delegations expressed concern at the deletion of the words "eradication of poverty and hunger", which had appeared in the previous biennial programme. In that regard, it was pointed out that the eradication of poverty had been included as one of the key objectives of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future

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we want", as had other essential goals relating to the eradication of poverty and hunger.

5. Regarding paragraph 7.4, clarification was sought as to how the functions of the Department had been carried out in the biennium 2014-2015, including the fostering of collaboration and partnerships within the United Nations system and with civil society and the private sector. Questions were raised as to the approach taken by the Secretariat in promoting cooperation and partnerships and to which expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement the functions related. Clarification was also sought as to whether the engagement of the United Nations with civil society included businesses, as part of the mandate. The view was expressed that the functions defined in the previous biennial programme plan should be maintained.

6. Regarding paragraph 7.6, delegations noted the absence of any reference to consultation efforts in relation to the mainstreaming of gender perspectives. Clarification was sought as to whether consultations had led to a specific vision of how the programme should be implemented in the biennium 2016-2017.

7. Clarification was sought regarding the application of regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation in servicing the intergovernmental process. Questions were raised on the issue of uniformity in that regard and on what the Secretariat had done to ensure coherence in the activities of the United Nations.

8. Clarification was sought under subprogramme 1 on how to measure indicator of achievement (a) (i) and what had been done to achieve expected accomplishment (a). Delegations noted that, in paragraph 7.7 (i), the strategy focused on conflict issues; it was, however, pointed out that no reference had been made to the Peacebuilding Commission.

9. Regarding the strategy contained in paragraph 7.9, it was suggested that the words "disaster prevention" be replaced by the words "disaster risk reduction".

10. Clarification was sought regarding the wording of the objective under subprogramme 3 and the absence of any reference to poverty eradication. The view was expressed that emphasis should be given to poverty eradication because that objective was considered the anchor of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want", and that activities carried out in that regard should have significant interaction with intergovernmental bodies. Questions were raised as to whether the post-2015 development agenda would be based on the Millennium Development Goals. Delegations also questioned the changes made in expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, as compared with those for the biennium 2014-2015.

11. Clarification was sought regarding the inclusion of one particular group of countries and the reason for not including all developing countries, as reflected in expected accomplishment (c) under subprogramme 3. Delegations also questioned the lack of reference to middle-income countries and pointed out that the strategy of the Department in enhancing the capacity of developing countries, including those in special situations, should be taken into account.

12. Questions were raised as to the expectations of the Department regarding the implementation of the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, to be held in Apia from 1 to 4 September 2014, and how they related to the synergies and structure of the Secretariat.

13. More detailed information was sought regarding the voluntary country reviews, as reflected in indicator of achievement (c) (i) under subprogramme 3, and the changes to the programme based on the science-policy interface approach reflected in expected accomplishment (d).

14. Clarification was sought regarding the changes to the strategy under subprogramme 3. Questions were raised regarding the view of the Secretariat in paragraph 7.9 (d) in relation to disaster prevention and the absence of any reference to strengthening cooperation with major groups. Clarification was also sought as to the relevance of the information and reports provided to Member States on partnerships and voluntary commitments, as reflected in paragraph 7.9 (h). Questions were raised concerning the availability of the reports, in particular those on partnerships, and what had been done by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in providing access to Member States.

15. The view was expressed that the work of the Department and its related activities should be carried out in close coordination with the regional commissions and other relevant entities in order to ensure complementarity and synergy with regional partners. It was pointed out that, under subprogramme 4, more detailed information should be provided on activities carried out with the regional commissions. Clarification was sought regarding the progress made in strengthening the geospatial information system.

16. Delegations expressed concern regarding the impression given in expected accomplishment (a) of subprogramme 5 that the issue of demographic phenomena focused on the ageing population. It was emphasized that the concept of gender dimensions of demographic phenomena should include the young population and be addressed in the programme of work.

17. Delegations questioned the absence in subprogramme 9 of any reference to the follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development, and clarification was sought regarding the preparatory work to be considered in relation to such follow-up. Questions were also raised regarding the kind of work involved and anticipated in expected accomplishment (d), on the strengthened role of the United Nations in promoting international cooperation in tax matters.

Conclusions and recommendations

18. **The Committee stressed the importance of the work of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in fostering collaboration and partnerships within the United Nations system and with civil society and the private sector, within agreed mandates.**

19. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 7.4

After the existing text of function (d), insert ", while ensuring proper accountability and oversight by Member States".

Subprogramme 3
Sustainable development

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (c) (i), delete the words ", including through voluntary country reviews to the high-level political forum on sustainable development".

Strategy

Paragraph 7.9

In subparagraph (a), insert the phrase "the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and", before the words "small island developing States".

In subparagraph (d), replace the words "disaster prevention" with the words "disaster risk reduction".

Subprogramme 4
Statistics

Strategy

Paragraph 7.10

At the end of subparagraph (e), add the words ", upon request".

Subprogramme 5
Population

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (c), replace the words "including sex-disaggregated data for use by Member States" with the words "sex- and age-disaggregated data for use by Member States".

Subprogramme 9
Financing for development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (d), replace the phrase "Strengthened role of the United Nations in promoting international cooperation in tax matters," with the phrase "Increased contribution by the United Nations in promoting international cooperation in tax matters,".

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Programme 23
Humanitarian assistance

1. At its 16th meeting, on 11 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 23, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 23)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Views were expressed in support and appreciation of the programme, and the importance of the work of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs was stressed.

4. The view was expressed that all the activities of the Office should be carried out within the framework of the legislative mandates, in particular General Assembly resolution 46/182.

5. Concerns were expressed about the methodological aspects of the proposed strategic framework. In particular, it was stressed that the proposed framework must follow the principle of results-based management and that indicators of achievement

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should focus more on the impact and outcome of the Office's work and should be relevant and measurable.

6. The view was expressed that the proposed framework did not take into account the growing complexity of the situation of refugees and that consideration needed to be given to creating a separate subprogramme for the reinforcement of the capacity of States that receive refugees to deal with the humanitarian issues of those refugees.

7. Clarification was also sought on training programmes on humanitarian assistance.

8. Appreciation was expressed for gender mainstreaming.

9. It was noted that the proposed strategic framework had been changed and that ideas contained in the strategic framework for 2014-2015 had been excluded from the proposed strategic framework for 2016-2017. The view was expressed that changes to the proposed strategic framework should be based on legislative mandates and that simplification should not be done to the detriment of the substance.

10. Under subprogramme 1, Policy and analysis, the view was expressed that the removal of the words "strategic and operational" in the objective should not affect the overall objective of the subprogramme. Clarification was sought on the "dialogue on change" under expected accomplishment (a). The view was expressed that expected accomplishment (b) and indicator of achievement (b) were operational rather than related to policy and analysis. Clarification was sought as to why changes were made to expected accomplishment (b) and indicator of achievement (b), especially in view of the fact that the question of protection of civilians was still being debated. Doubts were expressed about expected accomplishment (b) and indicator of achievement (b). It was noted that references to the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the International Organization for Migration had been omitted. It was also pointed out that the indicator of achievement on the number of resident coordinators and humanitarian coordinators trained had been removed. Clarification was sought with regard to the 2006 note from the Secretary-General on guidance on integrated missions referred to in paragraph 23.6.

11. Under subprogramme 2, Coordination of humanitarian action and emergency response, clarification was sought on the changes made to expected accomplishment (a) and indicator of achievement (a) (i) and how the expected accomplishment and the indicator relate to the objective of the subprogramme. It was indicated that the reason for the phrase "as appropriate" included at the end of paragraph 23.9 was not clear.

12. Under subprogramme 3, Natural disaster reduction, the view was expressed that subprogramme 3 should be renamed "Natural disaster risk reduction".

13. It was noted that the rationale for the reformulation of the objective was not clear. Clarification was sought as to why it was changed, why the words "through partnerships" were included and what exactly was meant by "partnerships". Furthermore, it was noted that there seemed to be a disconnect between the expected accomplishments and the indicators of achievement with regard to the objective. Clarification was also sought on the respective roles of the secretariat of the

International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in disaster risk reduction.

14. Under subprogramme 4, Emergency support services, with regard to indicator of achievement (a), clarification was sought about the difference between provision and delivery of international assistance.

15. Under subprogramme 5, Humanitarian emergency information and advocacy, it was viewed that indicators (a) (ii) and (iii) should have been better formulated. The view was also expressed that, while the use of social media was growing, the role of communication by means of radio was still important, especially for people living in poverty and in remote places, and that it should not be overshadowed by new technologies.

Conclusions and recommendations

16. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 23, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 23.1

In the first sentence, replace the word "development" with the phrase "sustainable development"

In the second sentence, after General Assembly resolution 46/182, add "in which the Assembly set out the guiding principles of humanitarian response and"

Subprogramme 1
Policy and analysis

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective of the Organization with the following: "To improve the strategic and operational coherence of humanitarian response"

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Under expected accomplishment (a), delete the words "on change"

Replace expected accomplishment (b) with the following: "Improved operational planning, monitoring and accountability of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs during disasters and emergency situations, including the transitional phase from relief to sustainable development"

Add expected accomplishment (c), as follows:

"(c) Improved capacity of United Nations coordinators for the protection of civilians"

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with the following: "Percentage of inter-agency evaluation recommendations implemented by humanitarian agencies"

Add indicator of achievement (c), as follows:

"(c) Number of resident coordinators and humanitarian coordinators trained in the application of guidelines for the protection of civilians"

Subprogramme 2
Coordination of humanitarian action and emergency response

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add expected accomplishment (d), as follows:

"(d) Improved response to humanitarian emergencies by all United Nations operational agencies"

Indicators of achievement

Add indicator of achievement (d), as follows:

"(d) Percentage of new or escalating emergencies in which coordination staff is deployed within seven days"

Strategy

Paragraph 23.9

In the last sentence, delete the words "as appropriate"

Subprogramme 3
Natural disaster reduction

Rename the subprogramme "Natural disaster risk reduction"

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective of the Organization with the following: "To prevent and reduce the risk of and vulnerability to natural hazards and the impact of disasters"

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Under expected accomplishment (a), replace the phrase "Increased capacity and commitment" with "Increased national capacity and commitment"

Indicators of achievement

Under indicator of achievement (a) (i), add at the end ", including those that confront the root causes of social vulnerability"

Strategy

Paragraph 23.17

After the words "new risk", add "and addressing social vulnerabilities"

Paragraph 23.18

In the first sentence, after the words "networks of", insert "national platforms,"

Subprogramme 5
Humanitarian emergency information and advocacy

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicators of achievement (a) (ii) and (iii) with the following:

"(a) (ii) Increased public engagement in humanitarian issues through social and broadcast media"

Strategy

Paragraph 23.26

In the second sentence, replace the phrase "coverage and reach" with "including broadcast coverage and reach"

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Addendum

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Programme 16
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

1. At its 12th meeting, on 9 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 16)). The Committee also had before it an addendum to the note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework (E/AC.51/2014/CRP.1/Add.1).

2. The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed their support for the priorities of the Commission as mentioned by the Executive Secretary in her introductory statement. A request was made to further streamline the list of relevant mandates and include only those recently adopted.

4. Clarification was sought on the use and definition of the terms "inclusive and sustainable development", "inclusive, sustainable and resilient development" and "inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient development" in subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, and subprogramme 5,

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Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction and management.

5. Questions were raised concerning the attainment of gender equality in various social and economic areas in 2016-2017, compared with the achievements in that area in 2014-2015.

6. Clarification was provided on the use of the term "informal sector" in paragraph 16.7 and the phrase "cross-sectoral synergies for electronic resilience" in paragraph 16.31.

7. It was pointed out that the General Assembly had yet to take a decision on the report of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which included recommendations on the need for statistics for sustainable development. In that context, some delegations, referring to paragraph 16.8, raised questions concerning the importance of statistics and the connection with the functioning and programme of work of the Commission.

8. The view was expressed that indicator of achievement (b) under subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, should be replaced with an indicator specifying the actual collective actions rather than the number of outcome documents reflecting consensus on regional economic and financial cooperation.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 5
Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction and management

Objective of the Organization

In indicator of achievement (b) (i), add a comma after the words "space applications" and replace the words "disaster risk reduction strategies and management" with the words "disaster risk reduction and management strategies".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (c), add a comma after the words "space applications" and replace the words "disaster risk reduction strategies and management" with the words "disaster risk reduction and management strategies".

Subprogramme 6
Social development

Strategy

Paragraph 16.35

At the end of the last sentence, insert ", which was adopted by a vote".

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Addendum

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Programme 2
Political affairs

1. At its 5th meeting, on 3 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 2, Political affairs, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 2)). The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework (E/AC.51/2014/CRP.1).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the Programme.

Discussion

3. Views and appreciation were expressed that the programme was very important for the maintenance of international peace and security. It was noted that recommendations of the Committee were taken into account in preparing the proposed strategic framework. Clarification was sought on deletions or modifications of the text, as compared with the programme for the biennium 2014-2015, including the drafting of strategies and objectives, the number and order of expected accomplishments, and the deletion of paragraphs on coordination and structure. The view was expressed that brevity did not always contribute to greater

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understanding and that the need existed for a balance between brevity and substance. Views were also expressed in favour of the fresh presentation of the strategic framework of the programme. With regard to the challenges faced by the Department of Political Affairs in implementing its programme owing to limited travel resources as reflected in the programme performance report for the biennium 2012-2013 (A/69/144), clarification was sought on the use of alternative means for addressing such challenges. Elaboration was requested on the incorporation of a gender perspective across the programme as well as legislative mandates that were specific to the proposed strategic framework.

4. With respect to subprogramme 1, Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts, clarification was sought concerning the inclusion of the phrase "partnerships with other United Nations and non-United Nations actors" (para. 2.7 (h)) in the strategy, and the exclusion of "enhancing political and operational links with the Peacebuilding Commission, Support Office and Fund" (para. 2.7 (l)).

5. With regard to subprogramme 2, Electoral assistance, clarification was sought with regard to changes to the objective, as well as legislative mandates that resulted in the changes, including the use of the term "genuine elections". Clarification was also sought on expected accomplishment (b), "Strengthened system-wide coherence and consistency in the provision of United Nations electoral assistance".

6. With regard to subprogramme 3, Security Council affairs, it was noted that indicator of achievement (a) would measure the degree of satisfaction of the wider United Nations membership. The view was expressed that the term "wider membership", and how the Secretariat would measure satisfaction, was not clear.

7. With regard to subprogramme 4, Decolonization, concern was expressed that the strategy had been summarized and essential elements such as the provision of substantive support to legislative bodies, particularly the Special Committee, had been excluded. It was indicated that the deleted text needed to be reinstated.

8. Regarding subprogramme 5, Question of Palestine, concern was expressed about the changes to the strategy, particularly the replacement of the words "all relevant United Nations resolutions" with "international legitimacy" (para. 2.13), and clarification was sought on the meaning of "international legitimacy" and how it would be ensured that all resolutions would be implemented. Views were also expressed that indicator (iii), "increase in international awareness", was not measurable, and hence it seemed more like an expected accomplishment than an indicator of achievement.

9. Views were also expressed in support of subprogramme 6, Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, including the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the development of the capacity of Member States in that regard.

10. With regard to subprogramme 7, Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, clarification was sought concerning the exclusion of the words "diplomatic" and "cultural" from the strategy. With respect to indicator of achievement (c), clarification was sought on the comparative advantage of replacing "medium-term response plan" with "United Nations Development Assistance Framework". It was pointed out that the term "participants" in expected accomplishment (a) was vague.

11. Regarding subprogramme 8, Peacebuilding Support Office, the importance of the subprogramme for development was underscored. It was recalled that the review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture is to be conducted in 2015. Views were expressed that, regardless of the outcome of the review, the Peacebuilding Support Office should continue to provide analytical support to the Peacebuilding Commission. Clarification was sought on the exclusion of expected accomplishment (b) of the 2014-2015 framework, relating to the Peacebuilding Fund.

12. With regard to subprogramme 9, United Nations Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, clarification was sought on the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement.

Conclusions and recommendations

13. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 2, Political affairs, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 2.2

In the second sentence, replace the words "peacemaking and post-conflict peacebuilding" with "peacemaking, capacity-building and post-conflict peacebuilding".

Paragraph 2.5

In the second sentence, delete the words "and guide".

Subprogramme 1
Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with the following:

"(a) Improved capacity and capability of Member States to identify, prevent and address conflict situations".

Strategy

Paragraph 2.7 (h)

Replace "non-United Nations actors" with "subregional, regional and international organizations".

Paragraph 2.7 (m)

At the end of the paragraph, add: "and (m) empowering women in peacebuilding and mediation efforts".

Subprogramme 2
Electoral assistance

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective of the Organization with "To strengthen the existing capacity of the requesting Member States, in particular by enhancing the capacity of national electoral institutions".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (a) (iii) with the following:

"Increased number of cases where electoral missions/experts were deployed within the required time frame".

In indicator of achievement (b), delete "including on integrated electoral assistance".

Subprogramme 4
Decolonization

Strategy

Paragraph 2.10

In the first sentence, after "Decolonization Unit", add "which will provide support to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, as well as to the General Assembly".

Paragraph 2.12

Replace the paragraph with the text of paragraph 2.14 of the programme for the biennium 2014-2015, reading as follows, and replace the number "16" with "17":

> **"2.12 In support of the above-mentioned legislative bodies, especially the Special Committee, advice and substantive assistance will be provided to the Committee, including in its deliberations on the situation in the remaining 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories at the annual sessions; during the preparation and conduct of its seminars held alternately in the Caribbean and the Pacific regions; during visiting missions; and in any other activity carried out to implement the mandated programme of work of the Committee. Assistance will also be provided in improving the Committee's cooperation with the administering Powers, maintaining contacts with the representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and developing relations with the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions, aimed at achieving further progress in decolonization and bringing a complete end to colonialism. Supportive actions will include closely following the developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, conducting research and preparing working papers, reports and analytical and briefing materials. In addition, in cooperation with the Department**

of Public Information, information material, including publications and audio and visual programmes related to decolonization, will be prepared and disseminated to a wide audience, with a view to increasing the awareness of the international community with regard to the decolonization issues as well as in mobilizing international support for the achievement of the complete eradication of colonialism."

Subprogramme 5
Question of Palestine

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (iii) with the following:

"Increase in international awareness of the question of Palestine, including through an increased number of quality briefing notes, informational materials and resources provided by the Division for Palestinian Rights".

Strategy

Paragraph 2.13

After the second sentence, insert the following:

"Supportive action by the United Nations will continue until all aspects of the question of Palestine are resolved in a satisfactory manner in accordance with international law."

Subprogramme 7
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (b) with the following text:

"The level of resources made available for improving the socioeconomic conditions of the Palestinian people is maintained in accordance with their needs".

Strategy

Paragraph 2.15

In the first sentence, replace "taking into account gender perspectives" with "taking into account diplomatic, cultural and gender perspectives", and replace the words "Occupied Palestinian Territory" with "Palestine".

Replace the second sentence with the following:

"The Office will act as a focal point for the United Nations in its efforts to encourage and engage the parties and the international community through increased planning, negotiations and consultations, with a view to making progress towards a two-State solution."

Paragraph 2.16

Replace the words "Occupied Palestinian Territory" with "Palestine".

Subprogramme 8
Peacebuilding Support Office

Objective of the Organization

In the objective, replace "countries emerging from conflict" with "post-conflict countries".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (a) (i), delete the words "and guide".

In indicator of achievement (b) (ii), replace "Percentage of funds" with "All funds".

At the beginning of indicator of achievement (b) (iv), insert the word "Maintained".

At the beginning of indicator of achievement (c), insert the word "Increased".

Legislative mandates

Under subprogramme 1, replace the subject of S/PRST/2011/4 with "Maintenance of international peace and security: the interdependence between security and development".

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Addendum

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Programme 21
International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees

1. At its 20th meeting, on 13 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 21)). The Committee also had before it conference room paper E/AC.51/2014/CRP.1.

2. The Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme and for the overall proposed strategic vision presented by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). In that connection, delegations commended UNHCR for its efforts to provide international protection to populations of concern; noted that the proposed strategic vision reinforced nurturing and valuing existing mechanisms and creating new ones to face the current refugee megacrisis; expressed support for the Office's partnering with development organizations and for advocating for displaced populations; encouraged UNHCR to work with other organizations to further

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elaborate and implement various initiatives; were pleased to see the Office's strong fundraising efforts and a proper prioritization of resources; and expressed continued support for the Office's efforts to implement a naturalization programme for refugees, which was deemed to be an essential element to support displaced persons.

4. It was observed that the Office's proposed programme planning was appropriately resource-driven to achieve performance and results. Clarification was sought concerning the issue of predictability, including the estimated flow of assistance to UNHCR.

5. Delegations noted with concern the situation of refugees and expressed their intention to continue to lend support to the international community in finding lasting solutions for that problem. Concerns were expressed regarding the impact and burden on the host countries and queries were raised regarding the measures UNHCR would take in that regard.

6. A comment was made concerning the need to avoid the politicization of the refugee programme.

7. As to the overall orientation, it was noted that some elements of the Office's work which were part of the current period's strategic framework had been eliminated for the period 2016-2017, specifically, two important elements: (a) the principle of consent; and (b) the obligation of United Nations officials to fully respect the laws and regulations of States where they carry out their work. It was emphasized that those were essential concepts which could not be eliminated.

8. Regarding legislative mandates, the comment was made that some resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions had not been listed.

9. With regard to the strategy of the programme, in relation to the issue of evaluation, clarification was sought as to the instruments used for self-evaluation in general. Furthermore, interest was noted regarding the proposed use of standards and indicators across the full spectrum of the work of UNHCR to identify protection and assistance gaps and to channel resources in order to ensure that acceptable standards were met in critical situations.

10. It was recalled that during the Committee's last session, the evaluation by the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the UNHCR evaluation unit had been discussed. Delegations requested comments on the follow-up to the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, including the measures that had been taken to guarantee cooperation between UNHCR and the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

11. Delegations urged UNHCR to fill the post of High Commissioner for Protection, which had been vacant for a year, expeditiously.

12. The comment was made that a delegation would continue to lend its support to the work of UNHCR by hosting, in Brasilia, the conference to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the Cartagena Declaration on Refugees.

13. A comment was made that paragraph 21.5 of the overall orientation referred to an event that had taken place in 2011. It was queried why that event was part of the overall orientation.

14. It was also commented that in subparagraph 21.6 (h) of the overall orientation, no reference had been made to the participation of UNHCR in the international conferences referred to or the ways in which UNHCR would be linked to them once a new United Nations development framework had been approved. Furthermore, it was requested that a list be provided of humanitarian and development organizations with which UNHCR had been working.

15. Regarding subparagraphs 21.6 (c) and (g) of the overall orientation, clarification was sought as to how the enhancement and reinforcement of host country capacities to provide asylum and protection would be achieved.

16. With regard to the objective of the programme, a comment was made that the concept of "permanent solutions" might be new and that attention should be given to the concept of "durable solutions", which was even part of the name of the programme.

17. A comment was made that proposed indicator of achievement (a) (i), regarding an increased number of ratifications/accessions to the 1954 and 1961 Conventions relating to Statelessness, did not clarify how the increase would be measured.

18. It was observed that proposed expected accomplishment (b) did not convey the concept of fair and efficient treatment of populations when seeking protection, and that a different indicator of achievement might be needed.

19. It was observed that proposed indicator of achievement (c) (i) should better describe how the indicator would be measured. Furthermore, clarification was sought as to what process would be initiated under proposed indicator of achievement (c) (ii).

20. As to expected accomplishment (c) and indicator of achievement (c) (i), it was commented that although the scope of violence and abuse was limited to sexual violence, other types of violence also existed, for example, violence based on racial or religious grounds. It was further commented that given the many types of violence, a generic reference to "victims of violence" would be more appropriate. Another comment was made that addressing sexual and gender-based violence was of singular importance and that delegations were pleased to see a specific indicator of achievement related to that effort.

21. Regarding the proposed indicators of achievement (d) (i) and (iii), clarifications were also requested as to what the concept of "acceptable standards" entailed and how such standards would be measured.

22. With regard to indicator of achievement (f) (iii), clarification was sought concerning how the local integration of refugees and resettled populations would be measured.

23. Regarding expected accomplishment (g), clarification was sought as to why the word "refugee" was not part of the language of the expected accomplishment and only "persons of concern" were being referenced.

Conclusions and recommendations

24. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 21, International protection, durable**

solutions and assistance to refugees, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:

Overall orientation

Paragraph 21.2

In the fourth sentence, insert the words "and with the consent of the State concerned" after "at a specific request of the Secretary-General".

Paragraph 21.6 (f)

Insert "and empowerment of women" after "gender equality".

Paragraph 21.6 (g)

Insert the following sentence as the second part of the paragraph:

"In this regard, due consideration should be given to the obligation of United Nations officials to observe fully both the laws and regulations of Member States and their duties and responsibilities to the Organization".

Paragraph 21.11

In the second sentence, after "actors", add "especially from civil society".

Paragraph 21.14

After the first sentence, add the following sentence: "UNHCR will work with Member States to raise awareness about the dramatic reality of refugees, which requires urgent and durable solutions".

Objective of the Organization

Replace "permanent solutions" with "durable solutions".

Expected accomplishments/indicators of achievement

Amend indicator of achievement (c) (i) to read "Increased number of UNHCR operations in which support to survivors of violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, has improved".

Add new indicator of achievement (f) (iv) to read "Voluntary repatriation of refugees and their sustainable reintegration in the country of origin".

In expected accomplishment (g), insert "refugees and" before "persons of concern".

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

Replace resolution 66/133, "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees", with resolution 68/141, "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

Replace resolution 66/134, "Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees", with resolution 68/142, "Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

Replace resolution 66/135, "Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa", with resolution 68/143, "Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa".

Add resolution 68/180, "Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons".

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Programme 8
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

1. At its 17th meeting, on 11 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 8)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the Office for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed full support for the programme and emphasized the importance of the role of the Office of the High Representative in monitoring, reporting and implementing the programmes of action, as well as graduation from the least developed country category, and in supporting advocacy and strategic articulation of the special needs of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, mobilizing and coordinating international support and resources and building partnerships.

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4. Support was expressed for the upcoming important conferences focusing on the three groups of countries covered by the Office, namely, the Ministerial Conference on New Partnerships for the Development of Productive Capacities in Least Developed Countries, to be held in Cotonou, Benin, in July 2014; the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, to be held in Apia in September 2014; and the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, to be held in Vienna in November 2014.

5. Delegations recognized the critical importance of mainstreaming the provisions of the various programmes of action into the work of the United Nations and into the national development and cooperation frameworks of relevant countries.

6. Views were expressed that the Office should focus on its mandated activities and avoid duplication in venturing into those mandated to other United Nations entities, such as activities relating to trade and development.

7. Information was sought on the progress made by the least developed countries in meeting the criteria for graduation from the least developed category since the adoption in 2011 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020, and questions were raised on how the prospects of graduation could be expected to develop and improve once the post-2015 development agenda had been adopted.

8. The view was expressed that the deletion from the overall orientation of the programme of reference to (a) mobilizing international support and resources in favour of the three groups of countries to help them to overcome their vulnerabilities and (b) monitoring and coordinating the implementation of specific actions and initiatives with the aim of establishing efficient transit transport systems in landlocked and transit developing countries had reduced the emphasis on important aspects of the work of the Office.

9. Emphasis was placed on the importance of addressing the needs of transit developing countries, in addition to the special needs of landlocked countries, under subprogramme 2.

10. Clarification was sought regarding the formulation of indicator of achievement (a) (i) under subprogramme 1, indicator of achievement (c) (i) under subprogramme 2 and indicator of achievement (a) (i) under subprogramme 3. The view was expressed that such indicators could be considered outputs, as opposed to outcomes, and could possibly foster an unnecessary increase in the number of resolutions.

11. Regarding indicator of achievement (b) under subprogramme 3, the view was expressed that the amount of financial contribution could be a better indicator than the number of development partners, and emphasis was placed on the importance of the quality of the partnerships as well as their quantity.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 1
Least developed countries

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (a) (i), replace the words "number of" with the words "reference in".

Subprogramme 2
Landlocked developing countries

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (c) (i), replace the words "number of" with the words "reference in".

Subprogramme 3
Small island developing States

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (a) (i), replace the words "number of" with the words "reference in".

Replace indicator (b) with the following: "Increased number of development partners that pledge support for small island developing States, including through the climate change financing mechanisms, such as the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility and the Climate Investment Funds".

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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017
(*Item 3 (b)*)

Programme 22
Palestine refugees

1. At its 12th meeting, on 9 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 22, Palestine refugees, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 22)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Appreciation was expressed for the important work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in alleviating the plight of the Palestine refugees and for the Agency's staff, which carries out its work of high priority under difficult financial, political and economic conditions. It was noted that although it was small, the programme was very important.

4. Tribute was paid to the staff members of the Agency who had lost their lives in their line of duty while carrying out the important work of UNRWA. Concern was expressed for the plight of the Palestine refugees. It was pointed out that the Palestinian issue should be settled and optimistic views were expressed that the situation of the Palestine refugees would be alleviated and eventually settled.

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5. The importance of the Agency's medium-term strategy for the period 2016-2021 was highlighted and the view was expressed that the focus on education and health care should be maintained.

6. Concern was expressed over the increasing number of refugees and over the Agency's financial situation and its continued reliance on extrabudgetary resources.

7. Clarification was sought on the gender dimension of the Agency's work in the refugee camps and on the issue of the level of remuneration to the Agency's personnel, given that the Agency operated in several locations and remuneration packages for employees engaged by other employers varied from place to place.

8. Under subprogramme 1, A long and healthy life, clarification was sought on whether indicator of achievement (a) was a good indicator of the health status of Palestine refugees, since they could have psychological problems apart from physical ones.

9. Under subprogramme 2, Acquired knowledge and skills, concern was expressed about the educational situation of the children whose schools were closed owing to the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and clarification was sought on measures that the Agency was taking for access by those children to schools.

10. Under subprogramme 3, A decent standard of living, clarification was sought on indicator of achievement (b), in particular, with regard to female unemployment.

11. Concern was expressed about a number of changes made in the proposed strategic framework for 2016-2017 compared to the strategic framework for 2014-2015 and questions were raised as to why those changes had been made. Concern was also expressed that important ideas and elements of the framework under various subprogrammes for the period 2014-2015 had been excluded in the proposed strategic framework for 2016-2017, which could have an impact on the implementation of the programme.

12. Support was expressed for the proposed strategic framework and the presentation.

13. While support was expressed for the framework for subprogrammes 1, 2 and 3, and the overall objective of subprogramme 4, Human rights enjoyed to the fullest, a question was raised about better defining expected accomplishment (b) under subprogramme 4.

Conclusions and recommendations

14. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 22, Palestine refugees, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications.**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 22.1

At the end of the paragraph, add "It stands ready to continue to do so during the biennium 2016-2017 in accordance with the triennial mandate that it receives from the Assembly".

Paragraph 22.2

At the end of the paragraph, add:

"In its resolution 3331 B (XXIX), the Assembly decided that, with effect from 1 January 1975, the expenses for salaries of international staff in the service of UNRWA which would otherwise be a charge on voluntary contributions should be financed by the regular budget of the United Nations for the duration of the Agency's mandate".

Paragraph 22.3

At the end of the first sentence, add "consistent with internationally agreed goals and standards".

Paragraph 22.5

Replace the first sentence with "The Agency also provides emergency assistance to more than 1.3 million Palestine refugees in acute distress within its areas of operations, as a result of armed conflict in the occupied Palestinian territory and in neighbouring countries, humanitarian access restrictions and prolonged economic hardship in the occupied Palestinian territory and Lebanon".

Paragraph 22.6

At the end of the first sentence, add "and to further developing its protection, programming, operation and advocacy responses".

Subprogramme 1
A long and healthy life

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (a) with: "(a) Increased access to comprehensive primary health-care services, including medication".

Strategy

Paragraph 22.8

Replace subparagraph (b) with "Maintaining the quality and efficiency of primary health-care services to meet international standards in accordance with guidelines of the World Health Organization and the post-2015 development framework (after its adoption by the General Assembly), with an emphasis on preventing chronic diseases to meet the evolving needs of refugees".

Paragraph 22.8

At the end of subparagraph (e), add "This will be achieved through prevention and maintenance, namely, immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases, disease surveillance, outbreak investigation and tuberculosis control, and the operation and maintenance of water and

sanitation networks, either directly or in collaboration with municipal partners".

Subprogramme 2
Acquired knowledge and skills

Strategy

Paragraph 22.9

Replace subparagraph (d) with "Fostering working relationships with host ministries of education and harnessing the potential of a range of diverse partners to enhance service delivery".

Subprogramme 3
A decent standard of living

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add a new expected accomplishment as follows:

"(d) Inclusive financial services and access to credit and savings facilities are increased".

Indicators of achievement

Add two new indicators of achievement as follows:

"(d) (i) Increase in the value of loans disbursed";

"(d) (ii) Increase in the number of loans disbursed".